



**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
CITY HALL KIVA FORUM
3939 DRINKWATER BLVD.
SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85251
WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2006**

MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT: Donn Loper, Chairperson
Shelley Anderson, Vice-Chair
John Faramelli
Robert Frost (departed at 6:12 p.m.)
Ron King
Ronald Petersen

STAFF: Tim Barnard
Bob Cafarella, Director of Preservation
Leslie Clark, Parks and Recreation Manager
Scott Hamilton, Trails Planner
Steve Lehmann, Senior Recreation Coordinator
William Murphy, Parks and Grounds Management Director
Doug Nesselroad, Parks & Recreation Manager
Judy Weiss, Parks and Recreation Director

PUBLIC COMMENT: Daniel Torrens
Scott Graham

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Loper called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m., noting the presence of a quorum.

2. MOMENT OF SILENCE

At the request of Chairperson Loper, a moment of silence was observed.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Regular Meeting of May 3, 2006.

Chairperson Loper requested that SRP be changed to City of Scottsdale after Robin Rodgers' name under the heading "Guests." He also requested that on page 3, paragraph 7, "Stonehenge" be changed to "Stonegate."

COMMISSIONER FROST MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 3, 2006 MEETING, AS AMENDED. COMMISSIONER KING SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED WITH A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF SIX (6) TO ZERO (0).

**4. PARTNERSHIP FUNDING REQUEST FROM THE ARCADIA SCOTTSDALE
UNITED SOCCER CLUB CHAPARRAL PARK EAST AND SOUTH SOCCER
FIELDS**

(Commission Action: Motion to recommend to City Council to light two additional soccer fields at Chaparral Park and to request matching funds in the amount of approximately \$200,000 from the City Council or do not recommend to City Council to enter into a partnership funding agreement with Arcadia Scottsdale United Soccer Club.)

Judy Weiss, Parks and Recreation Director, will briefly review a partnership funding request from Arcadia Scottsdale United Soccer Club. The Commission will consider a recommendation to City Council to add lighting on two additional soccer fields at Chaparral Park and request matching funds in the amount of approximately \$200,000 from the City Council.

Ms. Weiss stated that this request by Arcadia Scottsdale United Soccer Club originated two years ago. It is a partnership-funding request to light the south and east soccer fields at Chaparral Park. There was a neighborhood meeting to view the plans in November 2005; an informational meeting was held for the City of Scottsdale Parks and Recreation Commission on January 18, 2006. Meetings have been held over the last few months with several of the residents, who solicited and received input from their neighbors.

Ms. Weiss stated the estimated cost to light two soccer fields is \$400,000. With partnership funding, the City matches 50 percent of the cost. The Arcadia Soccer Club indicated they would contribute \$200,000 for this project. Ms. Weiss stated there is not \$200,000 in the partnership fund. As of July 1, 2006, pending budget approval by the City Council, there will be \$70,000 in that fund. There are several other smaller projects in line for funding. Therefore, general fund contingency funds will need to be utilized for the City's match, which requires City Council's approval.

Ms. Weiss stated two decisions need to be made by the Parks and Recreation Commission; (1) whether or not to recommend lighting the soccer fields, and (2) recommend that general fund contingency funds be used for the City's match of \$200,000.

In response to an inquiry by Commissioner Frost, Ms. Weiss stated that she was unsure of the exact amount of money in the general fund's contingency fund, but there were adequate funds to cover this request if the City Council approves it.

In response to inquiries by Vice Chair Anderson, Ms. Weiss confirmed that there was one person at the November 2005 meeting who voiced opposition to installation of the lights and he represents an entire neighborhood. That person is present and will speak tonight.

In response to inquiries by Chairperson Loper, Ms. Weiss reiterated that Arcadia Soccer Club will have to commit \$200,000 toward the lighting installation and the City will match that. The partnership-funding program is an ongoing one to fund capital improvements and enhancements to youth sport facilities at schools and parks. Annually, the City Council appropriates \$70,000 for the partnership funding program and it does not roll over from year to year.

In response to an inquiry by Commissioner Frost, Ms. Weiss clarified that there is currently no money in the partnership funding account and that several requests for funding are being carried over into the next fiscal year. The Commission can expect that these requests will be brought before them for approval/disapproval in the fall.

In response to an inquiry by Vice Chair Anderson, Ms. Weiss explained that the justification for spending this large amount of money for lighting is that it would increase the use of the soccer fields by 50-60 percent. She clarified that the proposal is for lighting fields by sharing the poles on the west field to light the east field and the south field will have light poles installed. The proposal is to use state-of-the-art lighting to diminish excessive

glare in the surrounding area. The soccer clubs do not use Indian School Park because the fields are for baseball.

In response to an inquiry by Commissioner King, Ms. Weiss replied that the existing lighting at Chaparral Park is not state-of-the-art and that plans are being made to update that lighting using other funds and those improvements will be part of the same project.

In response to inquiries by Chairperson Loper, Mr. Steve Lehmann, Senior Recreation Coordinator, explained that the poles being proposed are 60 feet tall versus the already existing poles that are 70 feet tall. Using shorter poles creates less backlight into the neighborhood, but more are required in order to get the same amount of field lighting as taller poles. Ms. Weiss indicated the lights are on timers and shut off at a specific time, in keeping with the City ordinance on field lighting.

Public comment was given by Mr. Daniel Torrens, representing residents in the neighborhood. Mr. Torrens stated the residents are in opposition to more light polluting in Chaparral Park; Park usage has reached its maximum and does not need any more enhancements that encourage overuse; the Park will be used as a "dumping ground" for organized activities as opposed to the current, relatively balanced use; the environment of the Park as it now exists will be lost; and the proposal as it now stands will undermine the value of the Park to the community.

Public comment was also given by Mr. Scott Graham, treasurer and member of the Board of Directors of Arcadia Scottsdale United Soccer Club. Mr. Graham stated by lighting two additional fields in the park, the concentration of the teams' usage of the west field would be spread among other fields, thus reducing the wear and tear on the current field. Six teams use this field. Mr. Graham noted there would not be increased usage of the Park, but rather a spreading of the usage among multiple fields; thus not interfering with others who are using the park for other reasons, which is currently the case. It is advantageous for the Club teams to practice in one location for safety reasons, accessibility of equipment, and storage facilities.

In response to inquiries by Commissioner Frost, Mr. Graham stated the Club had \$200,000 in their treasury to donate to the project and approximately 550 players use Chaparral Park.

In response to an inquiry by Vice Chair Anderson, Mr. Graham stated the parking space is adequate at the Park, because the number of players will not increase because of additional lighting.

In response to an inquiry from Chairperson Loper, Ms. Weiss stated there was a wall along the eastern boundary of the Park where the proposed lighting is to occur. There is no easy access to the Park in that location, thus it is not expected that citizens will park in the surrounding neighborhoods to access the Park.

In response to an inquiry by Commissioner Faramelli, Ms. Weiss stated that there is no exclusivity of use for the soccer clubs. However, when an organization contributes to a project through the partnership-funding program, policy does allow a slightly higher priority for their use.

In response to inquiries by Vice Chair Anderson, Ms. Weiss stated the Master Plan for Chaparral Park was created in the early 1970s and the Park configuration does not resemble that Plan; however, there were lighted facilities in the Plan. Ms. Weiss explained that her department had been working on this request for two years and they had done everything possible to accommodate the concerns of the neighborhood, as well as allow time for thorough discussion.

In response to an inquiry by Commissioner King, Ms. Weiss stated that CAP Basin Sports Complex will be open in the fall; however, only four of the ten fields will be lighted and all groups utilizing the Complex will have to pay a fee, whereas usage of Chaparral Park is free.

Commission Frost stated that Chaparral Park had been a community park for many years and that organized activities are good for children. He felt that additional lighting would provide an element of safety and that this amenity would add value to the Park and the community as a whole.

COMMISSIONER FROST MOVED THAT THE COMMISSION RECOMMEND TO THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL OF LIGHTING OF TWO SPORTS FIELDS AT CHAPARRAL PARK UNDER THE PARTNERSHIP FUNDING PROGRAM PROPOSAL BY ARCADIA SCOTTSDALE UNITED SOCCER CLUB; AND THAT GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY FUNDS BE USED FOR THE CITY OF SCOTTSDALE'S MATCH OF \$200,000. COMMISSIONER FAREMELLI SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED WITH A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF SIX (6) TO ZERO (0).

5. UPDATE ON PROPOSED VERIZON WIRELESS SITE LOCATED ON SRP TOWER AT STONEGATE PARK

(Information item. Final recommendation will be brought forward at a future meeting.)

William Murphy, Parks and Grounds Management Director, will update the Commission on a citizens meeting that was held May 10, 2006, at Stonegate Park.

Mr. Murphy briefed the Commission on the various options discussed at the meeting on May 10, 2006, which included modifying landscape; enclosing generators and air conditioners within a wall; placing the equipment building underneath the power pole, at the well site east of the tower, or near the parking lot on the north end of the park; modifying the equipment building to be multi-functional; and, running the cables separately down the legs of the power poles instead of in one mass group. Mr. Murphy stated that the dialog between the Parks and Recreation Department, the residents, and Verizon had been positive and that Verizon was researching some of the suggestions brought forward to ascertain if they are viable with power providers.

Mr. Murphy reiterated that there had been concern that another cellular service provider would want to set up in the same area and city staff in asset management is researching this. However, SRP stated they would not allow two providers to have antennas on the same power pole. A recommended proposal resolved by all concerned parties will be presented at the Commission meeting on June 7, 2006.

Commissioner King stated that, according to information provided him by City staff, the City receives approximately \$150,000 annually in rental revenue from cellular service providers' sites in the parks. Commissioner King suggested the City set aside this revenue for the Parks and Recreation Department.

Ms. Weiss responded that a policy had already been made by the City Council. Cell site revenue goes into either the general fund or, in the case of a well site or special facility, it goes into an enterprise account attached to it.

Commissioner King replied that he was not sure whether City Council is aware of the volume of the revenue; and a recommendation be made to the City Council that the revenue for each new cell site in the future be set aside for Parks and Recreation.

Ms. Weiss noted that this would be of particular importance for the parks that are impacted by having items such as a special equipment building/cabinet placed within its boundaries. She will ask Robin Rodgers to do research to assist the Commission in making the above-mentioned recommendation to the City Council.

Discussion ensued regarding other precedents that had been set for fund designation of rental revenue.

Vice-Chair Anderson requested that, in discussions with Verizon, Mr. Murphy take into consideration that any equipment that generates noise, especially one that is cyclical, can spook a horse if that equipment is placed near an arena. Mr. Murphy acknowledged and suggested that such equipment could be placed on timers for activation when the Park is inactive.

6. UPDATE ON TRAILS MASTER PLAN (Information item)

Bob Cafarella, Director of Preservation, and Scott Hamilton, Trails Planner, will update the Commission on the implementation of the Trails Master Plan.

Mr. Cafarella stated that, in May 2004, the City of Scottsdale voters passed a sales tax increase to provide additional funds for the McDowell Sonoran Preserve Program. A portion of those funds was designated to construct access area improvements and trails within the Preserve. Mr. Cafarella indicated that the citizenry wanted these items on a fast track as well as the implementation of trails citywide.

Mr. Scott Hamilton, Trails Planner, explained that there had been significant citizen involvement and input from nearly all the City's Boards and Commissions for the creation of the Trails Master Plan, which is for non-motorized use. Since 2004, 43 miles of new trails have been added to the existing 121 miles of trails; actual signed trails have increased by 31 miles for a total of 106 miles; 17 miles of trails are pending. Mr. Hamilton referred the Commission to handouts containing project description and status. He provided information on the various methods used to implement and complete projects, such as using volunteers, following significant roadway corridors, and working with developers. He also referred to a slide depicting project locations and provided explanation as to progress and completion.

In response to an inquiry by Vice Chair Anderson, Mr. Hamilton replied that he and his staff were working diligently to keep up with the projects, as well as making great progress and being opportunistic.

In response to an inquiry by Commissioner Faramelli, Mr. Hamilton stated the Trails Master Plan was a sub-plan of the General Plan.

In response to an inquiry by Chairperson Loper, Mr. Hamilton responded that the land on the southeastern corner of Dynamite and Scottsdale Roads is owned by the Arizona State Land Department and the Department allows motorized vehicle traffic with a permit. Mr. Hamilton referred to a slide depicting a study boundary for the McDowell Sonoran Preserve. It is the City of Scottsdale's goal to acquire all the property inside that area and motorized vehicle traffic will not be allowed under Ordinance 1762.

Mr. Cafarella stated that the State land that is in the planned Preserve boundary is currently tied up in a potential proposition, Conserving Arizona's Future, to be voted upon in November 2006. If passed, it will allow the City of Scottsdale the opportunity to acquire this land.

Chairperson Loper stated that he wanted it on the record that he would like to see motorized vehicles allowed in the referenced areas.

Vice Chair Anderson and Commissioner King stated that, because of personal experiences with motorized and non motorized traffic using the same area, they did not feel motorized vehicles should be allowed.

7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT OF CURRENT EVENTS (A.R.S. § 38-431.02(K))
(Information item)

Judy Weiss, Parks and Recreation Director, and William Murphy, Parks and Grounds Management Director, will update the Commission on the status and activities of the Parks and Recreation, and Parks and Grounds Management Divisions. This includes, but is not limited to, updates on programming, special events, calendars, and upcoming meetings.

Ms. Weiss stated the new park entry markers, which are a bond project, have been installed and are a joint project with the Public Art Program. The Cultural Council was of great assistance in getting them fabricated and installed.

Ms. Weiss stated McDowell Mountain Ranch is still under construction. In response to an inquiry by Chairperson Loper, Ms. Weiss stated that the pools are slated to have water in them by the end of June; however, many tasks must be completed before the pools are actually opened to the public.

The Yavapai Ball Field project is progressing with construction anticipated to start at the end of next fiscal year.

Grayhawk Community Park, Phase I, is underway and the design contract will be presented to the City Council in July.

There are two major summer events: Wet & Wild, on June 23, in Chaparral Park; and the 31st Annual Mighty Mud Mania, on August 4—this is a signature event for Parks and Recreation and Ms. Weiss invited all Commissioners to attend.

Ms. Weiss stated that the June 7th meeting would be the last Commission meeting for the summer, but Parks and Recreation reserves the right to call for a special meeting, if necessary.

Ms. Weiss indicated that nomination forms for Community Heroes were in the Commissioners' packets, previously distributed.

Ms. Weiss requested that she and Mr. Murphy be copied on any type of correspondence that Commissioners send to staff members, to include email. She also indicated that Gloria Bianco, Administrative Secretary, will be the point of contact for the Commission.

Mr. Murphy stated the lagoon in front of City Hall was being drained for cleaning, maintenance, and repair work that will take about two weeks. Eldorado Park ball fields are being renovated to include grass removal, adding lighting, and irrigation upgrades and backstop repair. He invited the Commission to an open house, on May 23, 5:00-7:00 p.m., at Club SAR, to provide information to the public regarding Phase II of the Giants Project.

8. OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC (A.R.S. § 38-431.02)

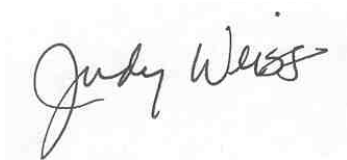
No members of the public wished to address the Commission.

9. ADJOURNMENT

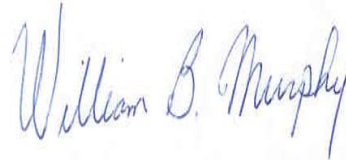
With no further business to discuss and no need for an executive session, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
AV-Tronics, Inc.

Meets established criteria.



Judy Weiss, Director
Parks and Recreation



William B. Murphy, Director
Parks and Grounds Management